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The House met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. COLLINS of New York).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
November 14, 2016.

I hereby appoint the Honorable CHRIS COLLINS to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

PAUL D. RYAN,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer: Merciful God of the universe, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

A full week later, we are thankful that we live in a nation where a peaceful change or readjustment of government is expected. There are many disappointed with the results of the election. May we all be mindful of the great history we have of coming together in the wake of contentious elections.

Bless the Members of this assembly as they return to the work facing them, work that needs to be done. Give them the wisdom they need and the charity they must possess to work together. Help them to make wise decisions in a good manner.

We ask Your blessing as well on those newly elected, or reelected, to this assembly. May they fully understand the trust that has been given them, to represent not only those whose votes they received, but those who did not vote for them as well. All are citizens, to be represented by the new Members of this people's House.

May Your blessing, O God, be with them and with us all this day and every

day to come, and may all we do be for Your greater honor and glory. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from Minnesota (Ms. MCCOLLUM) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. MCCOLLUM led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

CONGRATULATING COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS OF WILKES COUNTY

(Ms. FOXX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate Communities In Schools of Wilkes County, which has been awarded a \$500,000 grant from AT&T to increase its assistance to underserved youths in Wilkes and Alexander Counties.

The funds will be used to expand the Increasing Intentionality Initiative into seven high-poverty, rural high schools in North Wilkesboro and Taylorsville. Of the more than 5,500 students in grades 9 to 12 who will be served by this expansion, more than 1,000 will receive individualized, case-managed services.

Growing up in the mountains of North Carolina, I learned firsthand how education plays a vital role in the success of individual Americans.

Education can change lives, especially when you have community support and a network of caring adults dedicated to helping all children reach their potential. That is what Communities In Schools is all about and why I am excited to see it expand in North Carolina's Fifth District.

DONALD TRUMP'S CAMPAIGN HAS DIVIDED OUR NATION

(Ms. MCCOLLUM asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, Donald Trump's hateful campaign has divided our Nation.

After the election, Mr. Trump promised Americans that he would "bind the wounds of division."

His appointment of Stephen Bannon as chief White House strategist is proof of the ugly direction Mr. Trump intends to take this country. Bannon built his media career catering to white supremacists and anti-Semites.

The fact that Republicans have been silent on Bannon's appointment is a disturbing sign. It shows that the Republican Party has embraced Trump's campaign agenda of blatant sexism, racial bigotry, and religious intolerance. This is an un-American ideology, and it must be confronted, both here in the House and in our communities.

For millions of people, including families in my district, Trump's election means they are now living under a shroud of fear. In this House, and at home in Minnesota, I pledge to keep fighting to defend our fellow Americans from Trump's extreme agenda.

If we want a strong America where all families have the opportunity to succeed, then we must stand united and reject those who fan the flames of hate.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair would remind Members to refrain

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from engaging in personalities toward the President-elect.

DON'T BELIEVE THE MEDIA

(Mr. SMITH of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the liberal media tried to destroy Donald Trump. Instead, they destroyed their own credibility. Their extreme bias is provable.

The network media's coverage of Mr. Trump was 91 percent negative, and 96 percent of campaign contributions from journalists went to Hillary Clinton.

By a 10 to 1 ratio, the American people felt the media were trying to elect Mrs. Clinton. A Gallup Poll found that the people's trust in the media has hit a record low.

Has the media learned any lessons? Will they show any humility? Will they now try to be objective? Not likely, given the last few days' headlines and commentaries.

Until news reporters give the American people the facts rather than expressing their own opinions, there is no reason to believe what they say or write.

EFFORTS TO DISMANTLE OBAMACARE

(Mr. PALLONE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to raise serious concerns about the President-elect's plan to dismantle ObamaCare.

As an architect of the law, I am proud to report that the percentage of Americans uninsured is at a record low. More than 20 million additional Americans have health care, and a million additional enrollees are expected this year. The Affordable Care Act is, in fact, working.

Reports have surfaced that the President-elect's plan to dismantle ObamaCare would eliminate the subsidies that have enabled more than 70 percent of consumers to find plans at less than \$75 a month. Any effort to eliminate subsidies would lead to unsustainable cost increases and a loss of healthcare coverage for people nationwide.

There is also a threat to undo the Medicaid expansion under which almost 16 million Americans have been insured. With children representing about half of all Medicaid recipients, the elimination of that expansion would be disastrous for the most vulnerable Americans.

Mr. Speaker, Democrats stand ready to work to improve and strengthen the Affordable Care Act, but we will continue to stand resolute against any effort to dismantle it. For the sake of the American people, we can't get this wrong.

CONGRATULATIONS TO PRESIDENT-ELECT DONALD TRUMP AND VICE PRESIDENT-ELECT MIKE PENCE

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, last Tuesday the American people, with optimism, elected Donald Trump and Mike Pence to lead our country. I congratulate President-elect Trump and our friend and former House colleague Vice President-elect Pence, and Karen Pence, on their deserved victory.

This election clearly revealed, when presented with a choice of continuation of big government or change for limited government with expanded freedom, the American people stood up for the conservative values that would create jobs, lower taxes, and rebuild our military. The ideological conflict is alive and well, and conservative principles are proven to promote opportunity for all Americans. The American people have selected a brighter future for their children and grandchildren.

I look forward to working with President-elect Trump and Vice President-elect Pence, partnering with Speaker PAUL RYAN, to promote jobs for all Americans and reinforce our principles of limited government with expanded freedom.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and may the President, by his actions, never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism. God bless President-elect Donald Trump and Vice President-elect Mike Pence.

IN RECOGNITION OF AL KENNICKELL

(Mr. CARTER of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Al Kennickell of Savannah, Georgia, for being named The Citadel Alumnus of the Year.

Mr. Kennickell graduated from South Carolina's prestigious military college in 1977 after attending on a football scholarship.

After graduation, he returned to Savannah to work in his family's printing business, Kennickell Printing Company. The business was originally founded by his grandfather in 1892. His hard work with the company led him to purchase it, and he further developed it into The Kennickell Group, which is now an award-winning printing company that does business internationally.

In addition to growing his business, Mr. Kennickell dedicates much of his time towards the Savannah community. One of his many impressive community achievements includes the role

of bringing the Liberty Mutual Legends of Golf, a professional golf tournament, to Savannah and coordinating its volunteer program.

Currently, Mr. Kennickell is serving as president of the Brigadier Foundation of The Citadel, where his positive efforts are being felt throughout the foundation and the rest of the college.

Congratulations, Mr. Kennickell. We are proud of you in Savannah, Georgia.

TRIBUTE TO ARMY CORPORAL DONALD MATNEY

(Mrs. HARTZLER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. HARTZLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Army Corporal Donald Matney, a native of Seymour, Missouri, and a Korean war veteran.

On July 20, 1950, Corporal Matney's unit attempted to delay enemy from capturing a town near Taejon, South Korea. Enemy infantry and armor units were able to force the division out of the town and block withdrawal routes.

Matney was reported missing in action following the attacks. After 56 long years, Corporal Matney's remains were identified and he has made his final trip home.

Corporal Matney fought in defense of America and the freedoms we cherish today. I am saddened thinking of the time lost, but also thankful the Matney family can have that long overdue closure. As a nation, we are indebted to the sacrifice he made, and we are grateful for the freedoms he fought to preserve. His memory will live forever as one of honor and courage.

I am blessed to honor the life of Donald Matney today, and I thank him and all veterans for their noble service to our country. We must never forget that freedom is not free.

Welcome home, Corporal. Thank you for giving your all for us. We owe you a debt of service we will never be able to repay.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, September 29, 2016.

Hon. PAUL D. RYAN,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on September 29, 2016 at 1:07 p.m.:

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 3004.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 3937.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 5147.